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1. The airfield is northwest of Bogan' (49°54'N/36°29'E), Ukrainian C.S.R., about 3 km southeast of the "Serp i Molot" Plant and just west of the old road from Kharkov (50°08'N/36°15'E) to Chuguyev (49°50'N/36°11'E). The field was approximately 2,000 meters from NW to SW and 2,000 meters from NW to SE. No runway was seen on the field.
2. Buildings at the field included several barracks arranged in a square in the northwestern corner of the field, three or four hangars on the northwestern edge of the field, an underground fuel dump in the northeastern corner, about 100 meters from the road, and a radio mast, approximately 12 meters high, with one or two tracks between the barracks and hangars. High-ranking air force officers were reportedly seen in the barracks area.
3. During the entire period of observation the field was rather steadily occupied by about 15 to 20 four-engine transports which were usually covered with tarpaulins, 30 to 35 single-engine fighters, and 30 to 40 twin-engine aircraft.
4. Flying activity included: formation flights with four-engine aircraft escorted by fighters; formation flights with fighters; formation flights and low-level attacks with twin-engine aircraft; firing at sleeve targets by all aircraft types; individual parachute jumps from twin-engine planes; and night flights with four-engine planes and fighters while four to six searchlights were in operation.

Attachment: Sketch of Kharkov/Bogan airfield.

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